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*Annual
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A Message from the State Librarian

Dear friends,

I'm pleased to invite you to review our report of fiscal year 2005. As you may well know, it was a busy year marked by creative programming for Library of Michigan patrons, rapid enhancements to our Michigan eLibrary, stronger collaboration in the field, continued efforts to move our initiatives forward despite a challenging economic environment, and the departure of two dear friends.

To everyone who has repeatedly demonstrated sustained interest in and support for the Library of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation, I sincerely thank you. Support comes in many forms: a donated book; a volunteer's time to assist with reshelving; the always-appreciated financial backing that helps make our programs and services possible; or the kind suggestions on ways to improve what we do.



It's important to note as well the additional responsibilities taken on by the staff of the Library of Michigan. In response to the loss of most student workers and a restructuring of our public hours, Library of Michigan employees and volunteers pitched in to make the transition as smooth as possible. I know it wasn't always easy, but I appreciated then and I appreciate now my staff's collective commitment to professionalism and customer service.

The passage of time is often marked, too, by the absence of good friends and valued colleagues. Last year saw the departure of former State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, who took her talents to the State Library of Kansas, and the loss of Carole Callard, who passed away in December 2005. Christie's leadership and can-do attitude are sure to be a beacon for the Kansas library community, while Carole's good cheer and countless contributions to the field of genealogy will be treasured by friends for years to come.

As I said, it's been a year marked with countless challenges and many moves forward. No matter what, we strive for the best in library service to the people of Michigan. I invite you to take a look at the highlights of fiscal year 2005 and get a glimpse of where we've been and where we're headed.

Sincerely,
Nancy R. Robertson

A handwritten signature of Nancy R. Robertson in dark ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, matching the printed name above it.

State Librarian
Library of Michigan

The Library of Michigan

Mission

The Library of Michigan promotes, advocates for and consistently works to achieve the highest level of library service to the state of Michigan, its government, its libraries and its residents.

Through a variety of programs, partnerships and initiatives in 2005, the Library of Michigan sought to find better, more creative ways to best serve the information needs and interests of Michigan libraries and the millions of people who annually use them. At the Library of Michigan, we help real people with real information challenges, every day. We bring technology, literature, culture, history and a sense of connection to the people of Michigan, whether at the library, on the road or via the Web.

At the Library

It's no secret that, for Library of Michigan patrons, one of the most popular topics is family history. Providing a welcoming, resource-rich space in which to conduct family-history research is a huge benefit of the library. In October 2004, genealogists of all skill levels took advantage of the Library's Family History Month programming. More than 1,200 people attended classes that covered the most efficient ways to research family histories and creative methods to preserve keepsakes and traditions, as well as opportunities to celebrate individual and community heritage. Learn about current-year plans at www.michigan.gov/familyhistory.

The Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room was busy this year, too, with a number of creative exhibits to highlight the unique treasures in this collection. "Uncle Sam Presents" gave a glimpse into one-of-a-kind federal documents; "Flat-Out Fascinating" ran the gamut from bumper stickers and postcards to World War II posters and sheet music. "Judging a Book by its Cover" gave a new perspective on the very definition of "book," with a display of books created in a variety of ways, using specialty papers, bindings and inks.

The Library of Michigan seeks to serve all residents, including those with special needs or format requirements. In order to raise awareness about disabilities, especially in the workplace, the Library of Michigan held several learning sessions: one for all Department of History, Arts and Libraries staff, one for Mahoney Children's Workshop attendees, and one for the public, at Vision Disability Awareness Day. The Library of Michigan's Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH) also received two grants to boost service to patrons: two computers from Hewlett-Packard and a Braille printer from Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund. Learn about SBPH programs and services at www.michigan.gov/sbph.

In all, the Library of Michigan offered more than 90 different learning opportunities for patrons to learn about the library's diverse collections and the smartest ways to use them.



So Here Then Cometh Pig Pen Pete, or, Some Chums of Mine by Elbert Hubbard (1914), a writer and philosopher, is appropriately bound in pigskin, a rough-grained, very distinctive leather. "Chums" of the author range from farmers to chickens to insects. Display: July-September 2005, Unique Bindings in the Rare Book Collection.

On the Road, in the Field

In May 2005, more than 350 librarians participated in the Rural Libraries Conference in Harbor Springs, hosted by the Library of Michigan Foundation. Then-acting State Librarian Nancy Robertson attended the event with several library staff members. The conference is a rare opportunity for libraries in smaller, less populated communities to come together in a supportive environment, with great opportunity to swap ideas, tackle problems and plan for the future.

Another way the Library of Michigan is a leader for libraries is the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC), a multilevel set of benchmarks by which libraries of all sizes can measure their success in meeting and exceeding customer needs. QSAC is a powerful tool that helps libraries ensure patron needs are met and helps libraries effectively tell their own positive stories. QSAC coordinator Martha McKee was busy in 2005, traveling around the state to East Lansing, Corunna, Paw Paw, St. Ignace and many other locations, providing certification workshops for librarians, board members and trustees. At the start of FY 2005, only eight libraries had achieved “essential” certification. By year’s end, 60 libraries were certified “essential”; five had achieved “enhanced”; and two libraries qualified for “excellent” status! Get the latest details at www.michigan.gov/qsac.

The Michigan Center for the Book is an excellent example of how the Library of Michigan enables the spread of resources throughout the state. MCFB programs and resources promote books, reading, authors and libraries on a statewide basis. In 2005, MCFB started a literary grant program, enabling nine libraries to participate in “one book” events, author visits and book festivals. Other ‘05 activities included sponsorship of the Michigan Library Association Conference’s Michigan Author Award, the creation of companion pieces to the Summer Reading Program, and participation at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. With 19 affiliate libraries (including the Library of Michigan) statewide, the Michigan Center for the Book was awarded the Daniel L. Boorstin Award from the National Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, in recognition of MCFB’s innovative management of the affiliate system. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/mcfb.



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This year the Library of Michigan launched the first Michigan Notable Books Authors Tour, taking several 2005 Michigan Notable Books authors to 36 libraries all over the state to talk about their books, answer questions about their work, and sign copies of their books. The Michigan Notable Books is an annual selection of 20 titles published the previous calendar year that are about or set in Michigan or on the Great Lakes or written by a Michigan author. The books, which include nonfiction and fiction, typically have wide appeal to the audience and cover a range of topics and issues important to Michigan residents. The tour started on May 9 in Charlevoix with author Gwen Marston (“Mary Schafer: American Quilt Maker”) and wrapped up on June 30 in Mio with author Richard Bak (“A Distant Thunder:

Michigan in the Civil War”). Tour stops included libraries in Albion, Bay City, Belding, Brighton, Charlevoix, Chesaning, Curtis, Drummond Island, East Lansing, East Tawas, Fife Lake, Grant, Hart, Holland, Indian River, Iron River, Jackson, Kalkaska, Lake Orion, Lansing, Marquette, Mio, Oak Park, Paradise, Plainwell, Port Sanilac, Roseville, Saginaw, St. Johns, St. Louis, Stephenson, Sterling Heights, Tecumseh, Warren, Wayne and White Pigeon.



One of the most exciting developments to take place in 2005 was the “Ernie and Tram Go to Bat for Michigan Libraries” fund-raising partnership among the Library of Michigan, Michigan library co-operatives and the Detroit Tigers. Baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell and former Detroit Tigers manager Alan Trammell lent their good names and love of libraries to this effort, which raised more than \$15,000 through the sale of earmarked tickets for a game at Comerica Park. All money raised through this effort is used to create new endowment funds or enhance existing ones.



On the Web

The Michigan eLibrary (<http://mel.org>) is Michigan's 24-hour “anytime, anywhere” library, offering every library and resident of the state equitable and easy-to-use access to a core set of quality information resources. The vision for the Michigan eLibrary, nicknamed MeL, is that all Michigan residents will have access to the information they need, when they need it, and in the format that best serves their needs. With more than 2.5 million hits in 2005, MeL is tapping into a very real need.

Department of History, Arts and Libraries Director William Anderson, then-Tigers Manager Alan Trammell and hometown favorite Ernie Harwell join a host of library lovers on the field for Library Day at Comerica Park.

MeL resources include the MeL Catalog, a statewide catalog, patron-initiated interlibrary loan and delivery service, providing residents with one-stop shopping for materials owned by Michigan's participating libraries; MeL Databases, a collection of commercial databases providing immediate access to a rich collection of full-text magazines, newspapers, electronic books, online practice tests and more; MeL Digital Collections, a growing selection of digitized resources from Michigan libraries, museums, historical societies and schools; and MeL Internet, a collection of Internet links organized by subject and selected by librarians for their quality and relevance to Michigan libraries and citizens.

With nearly 20 million information retrievals from the MeL Databases alone, the Michigan eLibrary is clearly filling a void for Michigan residents. At a price tag of roughly \$3.6 million to the Library of Michigan annually, access to the databases is a bargain. If each library were to individually purchase the databases, the collective bill would come to more than \$176 million per year! The Michigan eLibrary is made possible in part through Library Services and Technology Act funding, administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



The year 2005 saw the launch of the MeLCat resource-sharing system. At the start of '05, no libraries had yet begun to queue up to participate; by year's end, 75 libraries statewide (including the Library of Michigan) had joined the system, giving each access to the full MeLCat collection of lending materials. The MeL front page also underwent a facelift of sorts, gaining a cleaner, more intuitive look that clearly guides the user to the appropriate information tool.

Library of Michigan Service Statistics for Year Ended Sept. 30, 2005

Requests/Transactions FY 2005

Circulation/Directional Requests*	24,943
Reference/Research Requests*	33,869
Interlibrary Loan Requests*	12,276
Number of Main/Law Items Circulated	14,341

*(*includes phone, e-mail and walk-in inquiries)*

Transactions by Patron Group

General Public	57,266
Libraries	12,410
State Government Agencies	4,781

Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Circulation	241,791
Interlibrary Loan	6,509
Reference/Reader Advisory Requests	9,794

Michigan eLibrary (<http://mel.org>)

MeL Internet

Individual User Sessions	1,443,709
Content Searches	643,174

MeL Databases

Total Information Retrievals	19,791,087
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A Message from Library of Michigan Foundation Leadership

Greetings,

On behalf of the Library of Michigan Foundation Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present the foundation's 2004-05 annual report. This report highlights our activities and also serves as a vehicle to recognize the generosity of our donors, whose gifts enabled us to support the special programs and collections of the Library of Michigan.

With the support of our donors, the foundation contributed to several vital library services in 2004-05, including the Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the rare book and genealogy collections. We funded the State Librarian's Excellence Award and Citations of Excellence to libraries with outstanding and innovative customer service. We also funded continuing-education programs for librarians, facilitating professional development opportunities across Michigan.



Additionally, we are especially proud to have been the catalyst for the launch of the Michigan Notable Books author tour of 36 libraries across the state, thanks to generous grants from the Michigan Humanities Council, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and several corporate sponsors. This is a program that will continue to grow in the future, inspiring reading and lifelong learning about Michigan's own culture and history.

Internally, this year was also very productive for the foundation. In the summer of 2005, we completed a new three-year strategic plan. The report answers critical questions about how to articulate libraries' relevance in today's society and how, in spite of continuing budget challenges, the Library of Michigan continues to serve the residents of our state with quality programs and collections. The report also highlights how private support and the Library of Michigan Foundation can contribute to a strong library that meets the informational needs of our citizens.

I sincerely thank the trustees and staff of the Library of Michigan Foundation for your leadership and service. My appreciation also goes to our donors for your continuing interest and support. Together, we are making sure that the Library of Michigan continues to thrive for the benefit of our generation and generations to come.

Sincerely,

J. Lawrence Lipton
President
Library of Michigan Foundation

The Library of Michigan Foundation

Mission

The Library of Michigan Foundation raises funds to support special programs, services and collections of the Library of Michigan.

A Foundation of Support

The Library of Michigan foundation was established in 1985 to raise funds for special programs of the Library of Michigan that are otherwise not provided for through state or federal funding. The foundation is a non-profit, 501c (3), tax-exempt organization governed by an independent board of directors who represent different geographical locations in Michigan.

In its 20-year history, the Foundation has raised over \$4 million to provide support to vital Library of Michigan programs and services, with more than \$2 million of that in support of the Library's genealogical collection. This collection positions the library as a proven cultural tourism attraction, regularly drawing family-history researchers from throughout the Great Lakes region and throughout the country.

The Library of Michigan Foundation was able to make great strides in 2005. Thanks to the thoughtful support of our donors, we made grants to the following collections and programs:

- **Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped:** Our funds helped to acquire new adaptive technology and new described videos for the collection. The foundation sponsored, in partnership with the Lions Club District 11 C2, the first Vision Disability Awareness Day at the Library of Michigan in fall 2005. Designed to educate mid-Michigan's children and their families about vision disabilities, the program attracted Boy and Girl Scout troops and reached 100+ area youngsters.
- **Rare Book Collection:** Our funds helped purchase several new titles, including: 'Wanderings of an Artist among the Indians of North America from Canada to Vancouver's Island and Oregon through the Hudson's Bay Company's Territory and Back Again.' (London. 1859) and 'Tableau du Climat et du Sol des Etats-Unis D'Amerique,' by Count de Volney (Paris. 1803). The foundation was also instrumental in repairing the Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room's grandfather clock, a special gift from the Griffiths estate.
- **Abrams Genealogy Collection:** Foundation funds made possible the acquisition of new materials and microfilm, including New York census records, Ontario vital records through 1930, naturalization records for the Eastern District of Michigan (1907 to mid-1990s), and petitions for naturalization filed in New York. Each of these microfilm collections has between 150-300 rolls.
- **Rural Libraries Conference:** Held in May 2005 at Boyne Highlands Resort, the biennial conference welcomed some 350 attendees from throughout the state who participated in sessions geared to the specific needs and interests of those that manage and staff Michigan's small/rural libraries.
- **Mahoney Children's Workshops:** This year's program for youth librarians, held in Marquette, Grayling and Auburn Hills, focused on disabilities etiquette.
- **Early-Childhood Literacy Kickoff:** A group of young people and their families - approximately 400 in all - learned about literacy at this September Michigan Library and Historical Center event, featuring singer, songwriter and educator Josh White Jr.

The Library of Michigan Foundation continues to be a strong advocate for literary activities, proudly supporting the 2005 Michigan Notable Books program. This program promotes Michigan books and authors and inspires reading and lifelong learning about our state's history, geography, culture, people and traditions. The program encourages people to visit their libraries and raises awareness of the important role that libraries play in our state's cultural landscape. This year marked the launch of the Michigan Notable Books Authors Tour, featuring 11 of the 2005 Michigan Notable Books authors in 36 visits to public libraries across the state (including six in the Upper Peninsula). The Michigan Notable Books program was made possible this year with support from the Michigan Humanities Council, Standard Federal Bank (now LaSalle Bank), The Rossman Group, the Michigan Center for the Book, Michigan Week, Schuler Books & Music and media partner Lansing State Journal.

"A Night for Notables"

On April 30, the Library of Michigan Foundation presented the second annual "Night for Notables" in honor of the 2005 Michigan Notable authors. Guests gathered to meet and celebrate the 20 authors whose outstanding fiction and non-fiction titles about Michigan or the Great Lakes were honored this year. Library patrons, foundation donors, publishers, booksellers, authors and fans gathered at the evening reception held at the Library of Michigan, a great opportunity to mix and mingle with some of Michigan's brightest literary stars. Then acting state Librarian Nancy Robertson led an authors' tribute, followed by acclaimed author Judith Guest, who served as keynote speaker. Guest - perhaps best known for her novel, "Ordinary People" - was part of the 2005 Michigan Notable Books selections for "The Tarnished Eye: A Novel of Suspense."

State Librarian's Excellence Award

Every year, the foundation pays tribute to the innovative work done by libraries across the state and recognizes one that exemplifies excellence in customer service. The award, announced at Michigan Library Association Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, was sponsored by Southfield-based Hantz Group. The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in Midland was this year's recipient, receiving the \$5,000 cash award. The Helena Township Public Library in Alden and the Salem-South Lyon District Library each received a Library of Michigan Foundation Citation of Excellence.

Genealogy Appreciation Day

On a Saturday afternoon in October during Family History month, the Library of Michigan and the foundation joined forces to host a special event to thank Michigan's genealogy community for its continued support of the library's programs and services. On that special day, a tribute was offered to J. William ('Bill') Gorski, who was presented with the Michigan 2004 Genealogy Achievement Award in recognition of his generous contribution and numerous efforts in helping promote the Library of Michigan and its genealogical collection and services.

An avid genealogist and collector of Polish historical records, Bill donated his own entire collection of Polish genealogical materials to the library of Michigan in 2002. The J. William Gorski Historical & Genealogical Collection is the product of more than 20 years' extensive research and offers valuable resources to genealogists who visit the library. To this day, Gorski continues to promote the library's holdings and urges family historians to use the collection. Congratulations, Bill, and many, many thanks!



Fond Farewells

The foundation joined the library community in saying good-bye to two dear friends and celebrating their contributions to Michigan's library community: former State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau and Library of Michigan Abrams Chair of Genealogy Carole Callard.

Christie Brandau, who served as Michigan's state librarian since 2000, stepped down in January 2005 to become state librarian of Kansas. The foundation hosted a reception at the library to honor Christie and her many accomplishments as Michigan's librarian. Department of History, Arts and Libraries Director Dr. William Anderson, representatives from the statewide library community, Library of Michigan and foundation staff and trustees, friends and family gathered to salute Christie's library legacy and send her with good wishes to her new life in Kansas.



On July 15, Michigan's genealogy community bid farewell to Carole Callard, who retired as the Abrams Chair of Genealogy, a position she had held since 1997. Widely regarded in the field for her sharp skills and warm, good humor, Carole made countless friends and fans, many of whom joined us in early September for a day of tribute. Carole devoted much of her energy to helping family-history buffs find their own family trees and to building the library's genealogy holdings into the envied collection it is today. Shortly after Carole's retirement, we were all saddened by her death in December 2005. She will be sorely missed, but her good works will endure.

In honor of Carole's memory, the Library of Michigan Foundation created the Carole Callard Fund. Contributions made to the fund will support the Library of Michigan's Abrams Genealogy Collection for years to come.



"I have loved being a librarian, and it is never boring ... Libraries play a vital role in meeting the cultural and information needs of citizens, and I'm proud to be able to contribute to that cause."

*Carole Callard
June 2005*

Library of Michigan Foundation
Statement of Activities for the Year Ended Sept. 30, 2005

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$51,538	\$216,078	.0	\$267,616
In-kind Contributions	81,806	0	.0	81,806
Workshops	2,585	0	.0	2,585
Investment Income	125,395	54,676	.0	180,071
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	155,217	(155,217)	.0	.0
Total Support and Revenue	\$416,541	\$115,537	.0	\$532,078

GRANTS AND EXPENSES

Grants to the Library of Michigan	\$158,529	.0	.0	\$158,529
Supporting Services				
Administrative and General	190,066	.0	.0	190,066
(including in-kind expenses of \$77,474)				
Fund-raising	19,406	.0	.0	19,406
Total Expenses	\$368,001	.0	.0	\$368,001

Change in Net Assets	\$48,540	\$115,537	.0	\$164,077
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NET ASSETS

Beginning Net Assets	\$251,909	\$1,075,184	\$581,692	\$1,908,785
Ending Net Assets	\$300,449	\$1,190,721	\$581,692	\$2,072,862

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